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Memorandum to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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You may care to see the attached report for the indication it provides of a possible source for the many rumors circulating recently of the on-land's enlistment of recruits for the Liberation Movement. The fact that the Egyptian Legation in London put out these rumors does not necessarily mean that they had instructions from Cairo to do so. The late Egyptian Charge d'Affaires was quite capable of acting on his own initiative.

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The Ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM and the Anglo-Egyptian
dispute

A source in close touch with the Egyptian
Legation in Jordan reports :

1. During the recent militant phase of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute the Egyptian Legation at AMMAN disseminated propaganda to the effect that the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM was recruiting Palestinians from Jordan and GAZA to join the Egyptian "liberation" forces against the British.
2. The Egyptian Legation would never disclose the number of recruits actually enlisted. This was because their propaganda was, in the first instance, an attempt to stimulate pro-Egyptian feeling among Palestinian refugees rather than an indication that Haj AMIN was in fact indulging in any serious recruiting. In this connexion pro-Egyptian circles in AMMAN gathered at the time that the CAIRO Government regarded any offers by the ex-Mufti more as lip-service than a practical proposition.

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